

# HB3346



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB3346

by Rep. Kay Hatcher

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2805/31 new

Amends the Department of Veterans Affairs Act. Creates the Women Veterans Task Force within the Department of Veterans' Affairs and comprised of women veterans to examine the needs of women veterans with respect to issues including, but not limited to, compensation, rehabilitation, outreach, health care, and issues facing women veterans in the community, and to offer solutions on how best to meet these needs. Contains provisions concerning the composition of the Task Force; vacancies; duties; reporting requirements; and duration. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning military service.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 31 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/31 new)

7 Sec. 31. Women Veterans Task Force.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that far too often the  
9 sacrifices of women veterans are overlooked. This frequently  
10 leads to women veterans being left out of veterans'  
11 organizations. In addition, most veterans services are  
12 targeted to men. The purpose of this Section is to establish a  
13 task force to examine the needs of women veterans with respect  
14 to issues including, but not limited to, compensation,  
15 rehabilitation, outreach, health care, and issues facing women  
16 veterans in the community, and to offer solutions on how best  
17 to alleviate these needs.

18 (b) The Women Veterans Task Force is created within the  
19 Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Task Force shall be  
20 comprised of women veterans appointed as follows:

21 (1) Five members appointed by the Governor.

22 (2) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives.

1           (3) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
2           House of Representatives.

3           (4) One member appointed by the President of the  
4           Senate.

5           (5) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
6           Senate.

7           (c) Vacancies in the Task Force shall be filled by the  
8           initial appointing authority.

9           (d) Members of the Task Force shall serve without  
10          compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses  
11          incurred in performing duties associated with the Task Force.

12          (e) The Task Force shall examine the needs of women  
13          veterans with respect to issues including, but not limited to,  
14          compensation, rehabilitation, outreach, health care, and  
15          issues facing women veterans in the community, and offer  
16          solutions on how best to meet these needs.

17          (f) By July 1, 2014 and by July 1 of each year thereafter,  
18          the Task Force shall present an annual report of its findings  
19          to the Governor, the Director of Veterans' Affairs, and the  
20          Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

21          (g) If the Task Force becomes inactive on July 1, 2015  
22          because active theaters cease, the Director of Veterans'  
23          Affairs may reactivate the Task Force if active theaters are  
24          reestablished.

25                 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
26                 becoming law.